



FACT SHEET

Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL)



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Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) is a web site that provides information on how Sailors can fulfill the requirements for civilian credentials (including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships) related to their Ratings and Jobs.

COOL:

- Provides background information about civilian credentials.
- Identifies credentials relevant to Navy Ratings and Jobs.
- Describes how to fill any gaps between Navy training and experience and civilian credentialing requirements.
- Provides information on resources available to Sailors to facilitate credentialing.

COOL serves a variety of audiences, including:

- Sailors seeking professional and personal growth opportunities who want to find out what civilian credentials apply to their Ratings and Jobs and how to obtain the credentials.
- Education, Career/Retention and Transition Counselors who provide guidance on educational, professional growth, and career opportunities and requirements.
- Navy Recruiters who want to demonstrate to potential recruits the opportunities for professional growth and civilian career preparation provided in the Navy.
- Employers and Credentialing Boards interested in learning about how military training and experience prepares Sailors for civilian credentials and jobs.

Schedule

The COOL web site went live on 9 June 2006. Development of some site areas will continue until the analyses comparing civilian credential requirements with Navy training are completed. COOL is maintained so that it stays up-to-date.

Related Facts

- Certifications and Qualifications is one of the five vectors of the Navy's Five-Vector Model, which defines the knowledge, skills, and abilities individual Sailors possess and how they are attained.
- Congress passed legislation that allows active duty service members and veterans to use the Montgomery GI Bill to pay for up to \$2,000 in licensure and certification exam fees (per exam).